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FOR CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

REF: A. STATE 17746; B. DAMASCUS 245

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR YOUR VISIT TO DAMASCUS, FEB 10-12. I HAVE LEARNED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE TO VIEW SUCH SCHEDULES WITH FLEXIBILITY AS THERE ARE INEVITABLY CHANGES RIGHT UP TO THE LAST MINUTE. THIS WILL, HOWEVER, GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF OUR PLANNING. IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

2. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1975

1855 - ARRIVE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA EGYPT AIR FLIGHT 720. (YOU WILL BE MET BY ADNAN KELANI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL, YOUR CONTROL OFFICER FSO EDWARD W. GNEHM, AND MYSELF).

2030 - BUFFET DINNER IN HOME OF MR. AND MRS. KENTON KEITH (PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IN DAMASCUS), MR. KEITH HAS INVITED GROUP OF SYRIAN
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ACADEMICIANS.

3. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

0845 - VISIT OLD DAMASCUS - AZEM PALACE, OMAYYAD MOSQUE, AND OLD BAZAAR.

1100 - CALL ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE MOHAMMAD IMADI.

1200 - CALL ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM.

1430 - LUNCH IN YOUR HONOR HOSTED BY ADNAN KELANI (GUESTS WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL OTHER DEPUTIES AND OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS).

1800 - CALL ON SPEAKER OF SYRIAN PEOPLES'S COUNCIL MOHAMMED ALI HALABI

2030 - DINNER IN YOUR HONOR AT MY RESIDENCE. (GUESTS INCLUDE BOTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE SYRIANS).

4. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

0800 - DEPART FOR KUNEITRA (WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED EITHER BY GENERAL TAYYARA OR MAJOR CHACRA RESPECTIVELY CHIEF SYRIAN DELEGATE AND DEPUTY DELEGATE TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

0915 - ARRIVE AT KUNEITRA.

1115 - DEPART KUNEITRA FOR JORDANIAN BORDER (I HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR YOU TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO JORDANIAN BORDER. THE ROUTE, IF APPROVED BY SYRIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WILL AVOID HAVING TO BACK TRACK TO DAMASCUS AND SHOULD PUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU AT JORDANIAN BORDER ABOUT 1330. IF SARG SAYS NO, I PROPOSE WE MAKE KUNEITRA VISIT EARLY TUESDAY MORNING.

1330 - ARRIVE AT JORDANIAN BORDER.

5. I WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES IN ABOVE SCHEDULE.

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